conservation of wildlife. The broad parameters covered under the Action-Plan are:—

1. Strengthening and Enhancing the Protected Area Network.
2. Effective management of Protected Areas.
3. Conservation of Wild and Endangered Species and their Habitats.
4. Restoration of degraded habitats outside Protected Areas.
5. Control of Poaching, Taxidermy and illegal trade in wild animals and plant species.
6. Monitoring and Research.
7. Human resource development and personnel planning.
8. Ensuring peoples participation in wildlife conservation.
9. Conservation awareness and education.
10. Wildlife tourism.
11. Domestic legislation and international conventions.
12. Enhancing financial allocation for ensuring sustained fund flow to the wildlife sector.
13. Integration of national Wildlife Action-Plan with other sectoral programmes.

Villages inside Simlipal Tiger Reserve Core Area

1372. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many villages are present inside the Simlipal Tiger Reserve Core Area in Orissa;

(b) what proposals are being pursued for resettlements of these villages outside the Reserve, the unspent amount for such resettlement, lying in balance as on date unutilised and reasons therefor;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to save the Great Indian Bustard from extinction; and

(d) which are the major sanctuaries for the Bustard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) There are four villages inside the Core Area of the Similipal Tiger Reserve.

(b) So far 64 families of three villages have been rehabilitated at Ambadiha and Kapand rehabilitation colony. The entire amount of Rs. 46.75 lakhs was released by the Central Government for rehabilitaiton of the inhabitants of these villages. Of this Rs. 46.74321 lakh have been utilised by the Collector, Mayurbhanj.

(c) 'Great Indian Bustard' is included in Schedule-I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. Its crucial habitats have been notified as Sanctuaries or National Parks. Central Assistance is being provided for the protection and development of these areas.

(d) The major protected areas for conservation of 'Great Indian Bustard' are:—

1. Desert National Park, Rajasthan
2. Karera Wildlife Sanctuary, Madhya Pradesh
3. Ghatigaon Wildlife Sanctuary, Madhya Pradesh
4. Rollapadu Wildlife Sanctuary, Andhra Pradesh
5. Gaga Wildlife Sanctuary, Gujarat
6. Great Indian Bustard (Nanaj) Wildlife Sanctuary, Maharashtra

Settlement of villages outside Chandaka-Dampara Wildlife Sanctuary

1373.SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the villages and settlements inside the Chandaka-Dampara Wildlife Sanctuary in Orissa, planned for resettlement outside the Sanctuary since 1984 and how many have been resettled, so far;

(b) the reasons for delay in resettlement, which is causing harm to both the human beings and the wildlife;

(c) what steps are being taken for expeditious resettlement of these villagers; and

(d) how much compensation has been paid and how much is yet to be paid?